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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL JAMAICAN REACTION TO U.S. WITHDRAWAL  
FROM ILO

REF: STATE 260803

1. GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA (GOJ) HAS EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET  
OVER U.S. DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO. THE GOJ'S  
POSITION WAS FORMALLY COMMUNICATED IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE  
WHICH, AFTER THE COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND REFERENCE TO THE  
U.S. DECISION TO QUIT THE ILO, SAID:

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA DEEPLY REGRETS THIS DECISION.

ITS EXPERIENCE IN THE ILO HAS CONVINCED THE GOVERNMENT  
OF JAMAICA OF THE CRITICAL ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION IN  
THE FIELD OF LABOUR RELATIONS IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES. AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
SYSTEM, THE ORGANIZATION IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE  
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INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PEACE THROUGH DEVELOPMENT AND  
SOCIAL JUSTICE. ANY SUBSTANTIAL IMPAIRMENT OF THE  
CAPABILITY OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF  
LABOUR IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD WILL RESULT IN A  
COMMENSURATE WEAKENING OF THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND  
PROGRESS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA HOPES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RECONSIDER  
ITS DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR  
ORGANIZATION. END QUOTE

(COMPLIMENTARY ENDING DELETED.)

2. IN OUR REPLY TO THE NOTE, WE WILL REMIND THE  
MINISTRY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW  
DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE ILO SO THAT IF THE REQUISITE  
CHANGES ARE MADE, THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO REJOIN THE  
ORGANIZATION.  
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